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Title	: FABRIC FOR CLOTHING AND A : PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF	

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RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Official dated October 8, 2010.

The Applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC §103 over the combination of Chen with Aranishi.

The Applicants also note with appreciation of allowability of Claims 3, 6 and 7. The Applicants respectfully request that rewriting of those claims into independent form be held in abeyance pending the final disposition of Claims 1 and 2.

Claims 1 and 2 now stand newly rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by or under 35 USC §103 as obvious over Chen alone. The Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's detailed comments hypothetically applying Chen against those claims. The Applicants nonetheless respectfully submit that Chen fails to implicitly or explicitly disclose the subject matter of those claims and further fails to teach or suggest the subject matter of those claims. Details follow.

The rejection frankly acknowledges that Chen does not disclose the claimed strength, initial tensile modulus, glass transition temperature or CV properties. However, the rejection states that such properties would be inherent to a woven and/or knitted fabric as taught by Chen.